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**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the registration specification information corresponds to a specified character string included in a subject of the electronic mail.

3. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 5, further comprising:

a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process for the electronic  
5 mail; and

a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image communication apparatus according to claim ~~4~~, which transmits image data to a transmission destination address, said apparatus comprising:

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an address storage which stores at least one mail address;

5 a destination specification acceptance section which accepts  
a specification of any said stored mail address and determines  
the specified mail address to be the transmission destination  
address;

10 an address registration section which, upon receipt of  
electronic mail including specified registration specification  
information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail,  
stores in the address storage a mail address of a sender  
indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail;

15 a specific information storage which stores specific  
information;

a specific information generation section which generates  
the specific information based on specified information included  
in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of the electronic  
mail including the specified registration specification  
20 information and the body embedded with the separate electronic  
mail;

a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address  
registration section from storing the mail address in the address  
storage when the specific information storage already contains  
25 the specific information generated by the specific information  
generation section; and

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30 a specific information registration section which stores the  
specific information generated by the specific information  
generation section in the specific information storage only when  
the specific information storage does not already contain the  
generated specific information;

35 wherein the specific information generation section  
generates the specific information by combining a character  
string included in a subject of the separate electronic mail with  
a character string indicating ~~the~~ a time of creating the separate  
electronic mail.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus  
according to claim 6 12, wherein the registration specification  
information corresponds to a specified character string included  
in a subject of the electronic mail.

8. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus  
according to claim 6 12, wherein the address registration section  
determines the group name ~~including~~ to include at least part of a  
character string indicating a subject of the electronic mail.

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9. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim 6 12, wherein the address registration section ~~allows stores. in~~ the address storage, ~~to store~~ all mail addresses indicated in ~~a~~ the header of the separate electronic mail.

10. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim 6 12, further comprising:

a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process concerning the  
5 electronic mail; and

a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image communication apparatus ~~according to claim 11, which transmits image data to a~~  
transmission destination address, said apparatus comprising:

an address storage which stores at least one group name and  
5 a plurality of mail addresses corresponding to each said group  
name;

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10 a destination specification acceptance section which accepts  
specification of any said stored group name and determines the  
transmission destination address based on the plurality of mail  
addresses stored in the address storage in correspondence with  
the specified group name; and

15 an address registration section which, upon receipt of  
electronic mail including specified registration specification  
information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail,  
determines an unused group name and stores, in the address  
storage in correspondence with the determined group name, a  
plurality of specified mail addresses indicated in a header of  
the separate electronic mail;

20 a specific information storage which stores specific  
information;

25 a specific information generation section which generates  
the specific information based on specified information included  
in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of the electronic  
mail including the specified registration specification  
information and the body embedded with the separate electronic  
mail;

a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address  
registration section from storing the mail address in the address  
storage when the specific information storage already contains

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30 the specific information generated by the specific information  
generation section; and  
a specific information registration section which stores the  
specific information generated by the specific information  
generation section in the specific information storage only when  
35 the specific information storage does not already contain the  
generated specific information;

wherein the specific information generation section  
generates the specific information by combining a specified  
character string included in a subject of the separate electronic  
40 mail with a character string indicating ~~the~~ a time of creating  
the separate electronic mail.

Claims 13-18 (Canceled).